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Title: SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF HANDLING
REFERRALS FROM REFERRING PARTIES

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Confirmation Number: 6064

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) as determined by the USPTO in the Notice of Allowance dated October 22, 2009, for the above-referenced application. The USPTO determined that the patent was entitled to 1,436 days of PTA.

In performing its calculations, the PTO correctly granted 784 days of PTA accumulated on behalf of the applicant under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.702(a)(1) & 1.703(a)(1) and, 567 days under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.702 (e) & 1.703(b)(4). However, the PTO deducted 182 days of PTA by erroneously applying 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) on the basis of events related to the notice of abandonment issued in this case for applicant's alleged failure to respond to the January 13, 2004 office action.

The notice of abandonment was subsequently rescinded, and the PTO acknowledged its receipt of the applicant's timely response to the January 13, 2004 office action, as filed on April 14, 2004. However, instead of calculating PTA in applicant's favor as of the date of the PTO's actual receipt of the applicant's response, *i.e.*, April 14, 2004, the PTO used the filing date of the

applicant's petition to revive, *i.e.*, October 12, 2004, to perform PTA calculations under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.702(a)(2) & 1.703(a)(2), which resulted in 418 days of PTA in applicant's favor, instead of 600 days, calculated from April 14, 2004, up through April 6, 2006, the mailing date of the final office action.

Finally, the PTO also failed to grant applicant an additional 518 days of non-overlapping PTA days. Applicants believe that this PTA determination was made in accordance with the "Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(2)(A)" published at 69 Fed. Reg. 34238 (Jun. 21, 2004). Under that interpretation of the PTA statute, any PTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) is deemed to overlap with any 3-year maximum pendency delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), and so, as a practical effect, PTA may be awarded under §154(b)(1)(A) or §154(b)(1)(B), but not both.

On January 7, 2010, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the September 30, 2008, decision of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia finding that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's interpretation of the PTA statute is incorrect. *Wyeth v. Kappos*, No. 2009-1120 (Jan. 7, 2010). The Federal Circuit determined that "[b]efore the three-year mark, no 'overlap' can transpire between the A delay and the B delay," and that "[i]f an A delay occurs on one day and a B delay occurs on a different day, those two days do not 'overlap' under section 154 (b)(2)."

Applicants have recalculated PTA for the captioned patent under the court's interpretation of the PTA statute, and have determined that the patent is entitled to 2,136 days PTA, as shown on the attached sheet, which shows the relevant delays under 37 CFR §§1.702(a) and (b), and under 37 CFR §§1.703(a) and (b).

The attached sheet details the circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of such application as set forth in § 1.704.

(a) Total of non-overlapping PTO delay under §154(b)(1)(A) & (B):	2,288 days
(b) Total Applicant delay:	152 days
Final PTA Determination:	2,136 days

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the patent be accorded 2,136 days PTA.

The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

Payment of the requisite fee is submitted herewith. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or

absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

However, because this PTA error is due to a Patent Office error in interpreting and applying the PTA statute, a refund of the fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Totals:	2,288	152
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